

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JIM ELLIOTT**, on April 12, 2007 at 7:00 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jim Elliott, Chairman (D)
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)
Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)
Sen. Kim Gillan (D)
Sen. Dan Harrington (D)
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (D)
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)
Sen. Bob Story Jr. (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Lee Heiman, Legislative Branch
Lois O'Connor, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 746, 4/9/2007; HB 823, 4/9/2007;
HB 798, 4/9/2007
Executive Action: None.

00:00:46

HEARING ON HB 746

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:11 **REP. RON ERICKSON (D), HD 93**, opened the hearing on **HB 746**, Allow tax credit for capital construction donations to tax-exempt organizations.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:10 Mike Munck, Executive Vice President, St. Peter's Hospital Foundation

00:07:07 Charlie Briggs, Montana Association of Community Developmental Disability Services

00:08:54 Gail Abercrombie, Montana Contractors Association

00:10:14 John Seibek, University of Montana Foundation

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:12:32 Brian Olsen, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:12:58 Sen. Robert Story to Rep. Erickson

00:15:52 Sen. Jim Peterson to Rep. Erickson rereferred to Mr. Olsen, DOR

00:17:53 Sen. Peterson to Mr. Munck, St. Peter's Hospital Foundation

00:19:23 Sen. Kim Gillan to Rep. Erickson

00:20:33 Sen. Story to Mr. Olsen, DOR

00:22:06 Sen. Story to Rep. Erickson

00:25:24 Sen. Jim Elliott to Rep. Erickson

00:26:46 Mr. Olsen, DOR

00:27:39 Sen. Elliott to Mr. Olsen, DOR

Closing by Sponsor:

00:29:13 Rep. Erickson

HEARING ON HB 823

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:31:21 **REP. VERONICA SMALL-EASTMAN (D) , HD 42**, opened the hearing on **HB 823**, Distribute oil and gas funds to counties.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:32:44 Willie Duffield, Executive Director, Montana Association of Oil, Gas, and Coal Producing Counties (MAOGCPC)

00:37:10 Bob Gilbert, Rosebud County

00:38:14 John Doyle, Rosebud County Commissioner

00:40:19 Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

00:40:43 Don McDowell, Powder River County Commissioner

00:41:22 John Pretty On Top, Big Horn County Commissioner

00:46:39 Gary Forrester, Fidelity Exploration

00:47:36 Gary Amestoy, Richland County Economic Development Commission

00:48:32 Bud Clinch, Executive Director, Montana Coal Board

00:48:57 Rep. Carol Lambert HD 39

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:49:31 Steve Austin, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:50:03 Sen. Story to Mr. Austin, DOR
00:53:25 Sen. Story to Mr. Duffield, MAOGCPC
00:55:47 Sen. Elliott to Commissioner Pretty On Top
00:59:47 Mr. Austin, DOR, to Sen. Story
01:02:25 Commissioner Pretty On Top

Closing by Sponsor:

01:02:55 Rep. Small-Eastman

HEARING ON HB 798

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:03:47 **REP. CAROL LAMBERT (R), HD 39**, opened the hearing on **HB 798**, Revise energy impact funding for natural resource development and cessation.

EXHIBIT(tas77a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:07:32 Sen. Keith Bales, SD 20
01:11:39 Willie Duffield, Executive Director, Montana Association of Oil, Gas, and Coal Producing Counties (MAOGCPC)

EXHIBIT(tas77a02)

EXHIBIT(tas77a03)

01:20:15 Sen. Elliott to Mr. Duffield, MAOGCPC
01:27:06 Dave Galt, Montana Petroleum Association
01:27:39 Bob Gilbert, Rosebud County
01:28:56 Don McDowell, Powder River County Commissioner

EXHIBIT(tas77a04)

01:30:43 Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association
of Counties (MACo)

01:31:25 Alec Hansen, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

01:33:02 Gary Amestoy, Richland County Economic Development
Commission

01:33:27 Tom Ebzery, Nance Petroleum

01:34:26 Bud Clinch, Executive Director, Montana Coal Council

01:35:03 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association

01:35:42 Don Allen, Western Montana Trade Association (WETA)

01:36:19 Gary Forrester, Fidelity Exploration

Opponents' Testimony:

01:36:50 Evan Barrett, Office of the Honorable Governor Brian
Schweitzer (Governor's Office)

Informational Testimony:

01:40:08 Steve Austin, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:40:31 Sen. Story to Mr. Barrett, Governor's Office

01:42:55 Sen. Peterson to Mr. Barrett, Governor's Office

01:45:05 Sen. Story

01:45:27 Sen. Elliott to Mr. Amestoy, Richland County Economic
Development Commission

01:47:44 Sen. Elliott to Mr. Duffield, MAOGCPC

Closing by Sponsor:

01:50:52 Rep. Lambert

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:00 A.M.

SEN. JIM ELLIOTT, Chairman

LOIS O'CONNOR, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([tas77aad.pdf](#))